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Governor Musgrove Awards Nearly \$330,000 in Grants to Quitman County

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded a \$250,000 grant to Quitman County and a \$77,463 grant to the Town of Crowder through HOME funds from the Mississippi Development Authority. The Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) project will allow the Quitman County Development Organization, Inc. to construct 10 new multi-family rental units that will benefit 40 people and the Homeowner Rehabilitation project will allow the Town of Crowder to reconstruct five homes that will benefit 17 people.

“We want to provide all of our citizens with decent and affordable housing,” said Musgrove. “We are committed to making the American dream of owning a home a reality for all Mississippians.”

The purpose of the HOME grants are to assist local government and community housing development organizations in their efforts to provide decent and affordable housing. The activities undertaken by the State through the 2003 HOME program includes: Homeowner Rehabilitation, New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation, Homebuyer Assistance, CHDO Set-Aside, Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Disabled Housing Initiative, Rehabilitation Set-Aside for the Elderly, and State Administration. The (CHDO) project allows locally owned housing organizations an opportunity to provide homebuyer assistance for single families and the construction of multi-family rental units or lease to purchase units. The Homeowner Rehabilitation program allows local governments to assist low-income homeowners in making repairs or in the reconstruction of the homes.

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